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Why should Passenger Movement Branch become a part of Central Processing Branch?

The February 5 Staff Study was based upon the assumption that "Direction of Technical Transportation functions throughout CIA should be the responsibility of Transportation Division."

a. Question - Is the movement of persons and their household effects a technical transportation function?

The processing of a traveler going overseas involves:

1. Preparation of a travel order.
2. Review of the travel order for proper authority.
3. Procurement of clearance for the traveler--from overseas and from headquarters.
4. Procurement of passports, visas and other documents.
5. Preparation of an economical and convenient itinerary.
6. Procurement of reservations and tickets.
7. Arrangements for buying.
8. Medical examination.
9. Procurement of funds.
10. Check out with Finance and with Personnel and necessary record preparation.

While the term "technical transportation functions" is nebulous, it is assumed that it would include at least a majority of these steps, when referring to CIA.

Actually, P.M.B. is involved only in number 4 (to a certain extent, not technical) and 6. The rest of these functions are carried out by C.P.B.

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requisitioning process, and is therefore closely related to the work of Logistics Office. Because there is no relationship, the Chief of Transportation division cannot coordinate activities of P.M.B. with those of other branches. P.M.B. activities are separate and distinct.

c. Question. Should direction of P.M.B. activities be under the Chief of Transportation Division?

Answer - The work of P.M.B. is actually more closely related to the work of Central Processing Branch. Actually, C.P.B. and P.M.B. serve to carry out, in sequent, specific steps in an over-all procedure. They operate in effect as one organization and one cannot function without the other. C.P.B. performs the major part of the work of processing travelers, and P.M.B. conducts control and contact parts of the procedure.

For purposes of control and clear delineation of functions, all processing of travelers and their ~~functions~~ effects should be conducted by one organization.

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